

## For the Applicant

Gender & Sexuality Center (GSC) presents the 2009 Kellogg Rainbow Merit Scholarships  
For an Undergraduate, Graduate, and Professional Student

Description: Three separate scholarships of \$3,000 each (one per undergraduate, graduate, and professional student) will be awarded through self-nominations. Review Board members, faculty, and staff are not eligible for these tuition and fee scholarships.

Eligibility: Currently enrolled UIC Undergraduate, Graduate, and Professional Students with at least a 3.0 GPA. Previous recipients are not eligible.

Review Board: Gender & Sexuality Center's Director, Assistant Director, Coordinator, and a UIC faculty and staff member. Each person of the Review Board will acknowledge if and how the person knows any of the applicants.

Deadline: 5:00 p.m., on October 1, 2009; room 1180 BSB; Late applications or documents will not be taken

Contact: Liz Thomson, Interim Director, room 1180; (312) 413-8619, lthomson@uic.edu

Scholarship Award Presentation: All applicants are expected to attend the National Coming Out Day Luncheon from 12:00-1:30 p.m., on Friday, October 9, 2009. The three successful scholarships will be presented here. Please save this date and time. Recipients will also be acknowledged at the UIC Special Scholarship Recognition program (April 2010) and the Lavender Graduation Ceremony (April 30, 2010).

### Required Documents

- 1) Completed Cover Sheet
- 2) A copy of an unofficial transcript showing at least a 3.0 GPA
- 3) Applicant's Personal Essay (4 pages; Double-spaced; no more than 1000 words)
  - How the applicant fulfills the stated criteria of Leadership/Character; Scholarship/Research/Academics; Service (UIC and Chicago); Activism/Community Organizing; Collaboration with a LGBTQ UIC unit/organization. For more details of the criteria, see second page.
  - Reflects how the applicant advances the mission of the GSC and UIC
  - Demonstrates how the applicant has merged LGBTQA activism/community organizing and academics/research
  - Explains how the applicant envisions the next phase of the person's activism and academics
- 4) Two Letters of Recommendation; one from a faculty member and one from another person of choice
  - Letter should be no longer than two pages long (400 words maximum)
  - Brief summary of the relationship between the person and the applicant
  - Explanation of the positive impact the applicant has had on the LGBTQ communities at UIC and/or Other Communities
  - Explanation of the contributions the applicant has plans to create a more hopeful future
- 5) Relevant Supporting Documents
  - Fliers from a program/training the applicant organized
  - Conference Proceedings
  - Photos/Artwork
  - Curriculum Vitae
  - Video/Web site/technology development (i.e., blog or chat room)
  - Course proposal/syllabus

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2009 Rainbow Merit Scholarship Cover Sheet

*Please type or print legibly.*

Name:

UIN:

Mark One:     \_\_\_ Undergraduate                   \_\_\_ Graduate                   \_\_\_ Professional Student

Major, Minor, and/or Concentration:

College:

E-mail Address:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Documents

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- € Supporting Documents

One, brief biography paragraph (150 words or less):

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Below are examples of what the GSC means regarding the expected criteria of the applicant.

### Leadership/Character

- Coalition building
- Publicly supporting LGBTQ issues
- Evidence as a role model to/for LGBTQ communities
- Evidence as a visionary

### Scholarship/Research/Academics

- Potential for making a difference through original academic work
- Academic preparation and accomplishments
- Exceptional work
- Willingness to share the work and have it positively affect the LGBTQ communities

### Service (UIC and/or Other Communities)

- Volunteering
- Committee Work
- Direct Involvement/Participation
- Teaching/Supervising/Facilitating

### Activism/Community Organizing

- Evidence of an impact to/for LGBTQ communities
- Evidence of an impact on the UIC community

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